

## The Onset of the Servants Task Mark 1:14-15

I have stood up to preach many times, some very memorable, <sup>1st</sup> Tri-State Baptist preachers fellowship, Wabery Baptist College, Here at Beth, Union Gospel mission, but the most memorable was the very first time, Aug 18 2000 after all the pain on the back, the tears, the prayers, the preparation, the perspiration, it came down to that moment when my preacher into looked at me. Still to this day I don't know what God me up there, that was the first step into a labor of just 7.5 short years. But what a memorable first step. Can't we have Jesus first step in to His God given Task. And like any other moment in

Jesus' life's death, there are footprints to follow <sup>F.C. can walk in foot steps of Jesus and learn to perform the task given</sup> to follow. **I. A Determining Moment** - What I mean is this particular point in time was a determining factor for the onset of Jesus ministry. All the preliminaries had been finalized and it was time to begin matters...

A. **An Imprisoned Preacher**. John Baptist placed in prison... the phrase put into prison is greek <sup>was</sup> after translated "delivered" Rom 8:35, 4:25, Upon the delivering up of John Baptist, Jesus began his ministry... This is to be applied to our lives. Because

Christ was delivered up on the cross so we should begin our task. Have you been waiting for some signal that you should labor for the Lord, too late, it happened 2000 years ago. Eph 2:10 <sup>3</sup> Poem

B. **An Endangered Position** - into Galilee...

Galilee was the very area that John Baptist was taken from and placed into prison, over which Herod ruled. Here now we find Jesus not running away from but right into this danger zone. The suffering Servant willingly placing himself in Harm's way! So many times we might choose a path of least resistance when often the path that the Lord provides is not a flayed of ease but <sup>bloody seas</sup>

**C. An Enduring Plan** - But this is encouraging as well. As soon as John Baptist fades from scene, we have the entrance of Jesus. Herod trying to silence the voice, only hears it again from another vessel. I get around a lot of doom and gloomers. Well the church is dying all the great men of God a passing off the scene. That may be so, and I couldn't carry the Bible of most of these men, but what you can rely on is that there will be a voice, one shaking reeds, <sup>withed to reprove</sup> a reminder.

**II. A Divine Message** - Vs 14c - Jesus came preaching the Gospel. Notice it was met healings, devils cast out, he came with a message. The miracles were simply to add weight to message Divine Message.

**A. A Pronounced Delivery** - He came preaching. The liberal may hate it, emergent churchmen may wince at it. The theologian may laugh at it, But preaching is God's ordained method of relaying truth (1 Cor 1:21). Key-words - to herald proclaim, publish divine truth announce news. Most of you don't know that Bob Daughtery can do slight of hand. But that's not what we brought him..

1) Romans 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Romans 4:25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

2) Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

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Acts 11:19 Now they which were scattered abroad upon the  
persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and  
Cyprus, and Antioch, **preaching (laleo)** the word to none but unto the  
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but to preach. Preaching can be dull... must be real & relevant.  
Acts 11:19 "speak" gospel the Gospel. We can all do that!

B. A Positive Declaration - What did he preach, the gospel, the good news! Now don't get me wrong when I say positive declaration that Jesus preached positive self affirming messages alone. It is implicit in phrase "good news" that there is bad news. But that the bad news is also solved with Good news! When I spent a lot of time at the jails & rescue missions I didn't not preach that they will have brakes that ought to go to hell then <sup>(with me to Guya Saily)</sup> prayed and left. No I brought <sup>Good news</sup> to the

C. A Pointed Direction - This was a God centered message. I pointed to him. In many churches, new age groups, televangelist the good news is "you centered" The hero lies with, you can do it! But a god centered message points to Him. This phrase indicated that this good news came from God to be given to man. Men do benefit from it. But the focal point of message is God! Dean Mcneese tells story of family firm center with gospel. Wayne coming into valley, low figure <sup>chasing him...</sup> with up

III. A Direct Mandate - vs 15 seems to be the summary. Every preacher has his closing phrases. This seemed to be Jesus' a summary of this Gospel of Kingdom of God.

A. The Readiness of the Hour - The Messiah had arrived. The fulfillment of ancient prophecy was standing before them. It was the hour awaited hour. The moment

of choice had arrived. I think of blind  
Bartimaeus, Jesus passing thru Jerico for the  
last time, no more chances. I also think of  
the rich fool, <sup>Luke 12:14</sup> as <sup>for 2:20</sup> a <sup>of first mess</sup> greater harm  
his soul was required that night.

B. The Reason for the Hurry - The Kingdom is at hand. Jesus himself is the Kingdom of God, he is the only door to enter into. The reason for the rush, is that God is active and working, Now the day come into the ark of God Christ Jesus before the flood waters of Judgment all take you. Jesus is here by his Holy Spirit <sup>today is the day</sup> can say the Kingdom... is at hand don't wait don't forsake

C. The Responsibility of the Hearers.  
What must I do to be saved? Repent and believe the Gospel! Jesus puts the responsibility in the lap of the hearers. "Ye" you repent. Turn to Christ forsake all others! And believe trust in Christ, have faith in Messiah who took away sin by his death on the cross and freely despenses salvation to all that believe upon Him and Him alone. Paul echoes Acts 20: 20-21  
old song "Oh why not tonight Oh why not tonight" <sup>multitudes are saved...</sup>

IV. Closing. Just as Christ is the servant of Jehovah, we too, as his redeemed people are his servants, and in this 2 verse snapshot, we see the footprints of our master and the way we should walk <sup>will you</sup> follow.



Luke 12:19-20 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee...

Jeremiah 8:20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

Acts 20:20-21 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ